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MEMORANDUM FOR: EO/DCI

SUBJECT: Conversation with Captain Mott

1. In accordance with our telephone conversation I have talked with Captain Mott in the office of General Twining. Mott had talked to Howard Stoertz and [ ] and finally, me. He was calling out of desperation for any thoughts we might have.

2. The problem was generated by the Alsop column of 30 July 1958. General Twining has received many calls and queries from various Congressmen some of which raised the question of how did the Pentagon leak this information. Mott indicated they were going to respond to a specific letter from Mr. Vinson, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, by indicating that the figures were not correct.

3. Mott was informed that the Director had briefed the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and the Senate Armed Services Committee in Subcommittee sessions on the status of Soviet weapons progress utilizing agreed intelligence estimates. Mott thought that General Twining might well wish to use this information in some way. I requested that if General Twining wished to put this in any written communication the matter should be discussed by General Twining with Mr. Dulles. Captain Mott agreed that this was appropriate under the circumstances but he could not say whether or not General Twining would utilize this information.

JOHN S. WARNER  
Legislative Counsel

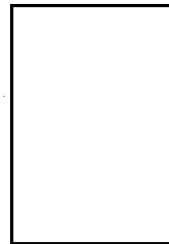
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8/8/58 - Mr. Warner - Thought you'd better take a  
look at this. Have had a call from Capt.

Mott,  and Stoertz.

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